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TOPIC Ban on the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Soviet
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Olympisches Dorf, Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) that the commanding general of the troops in Olympisches Dorf and Camp Doeberitz had imposed a ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages, including beer, brandy, wine, etc. for all Soviet troops including officers, during the week from 22 to 23 April 1951. Thereupon, the officers refused their dinner on a pre-designated day and emptied their dishes into garbage cans. When the commanding general had rum with his tea at supper the officers present left the messhall in protest. Twenty of them were subsequently arrested on orders of the general.

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2. All troops at the Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) post have been forbidden to drink alcoholic beverages since late April 1951.

3. It was learned on 19 May 1951 that a ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages was imposed on all Soviet troops in Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49). Serving alcoholic drinks to soldiers was prohibited and punishable.

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4. A warehouse foreman in Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) stated that a ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages has been in force for all troops at the post since late April 1951.

5. It was learned on 7 May 1951 that all units at the Templin (N 54/U 81) training area were forbidden to drink alcoholic beverages.

6. The Soviet units at the Lieberose (N 52/A 49) training area have been forbidden to drink alcoholic beverages, including beer, since about the end of April 1951. *

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- * Comment. Since a ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages by Soviet troops has been reported by several sources from a number of military posts and troop training grounds at the end of April 1951, it appears that the ban has been imposed on all Soviet Army units in the Soviet Zone of Germany, probably by a central command headquarters. The reason for such a measure cannot be determined.

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